



O`ahu RC&D Highlights

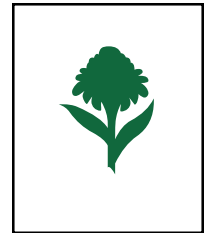


The O`ahu Resource Conservation and Development Council is anxiously waiting for USDA to announce the application period for new councils. When the announcement comes, O`ahu will submit the necessary documents to become accepted by USDA as an authorized Council.



Cynthia Rezentes,
O`ahu RC&D Council
President.

O`ahu RC&D and Nani `O Wai`anae were recently awarded a grant to beautify the entrance into Wai`anae town along the Wai`anae Coast. The project will provide irrigation for plumeria and ti plants on the makai side of Farrington Highway. Ground cover trial plantings provided by the USDA/NRCS Plant Materials Center will also be used. These plantings will complement the work completed in 1999 by the community on the mauka side of the highway.



In the meantime, the Board of Directors continue to work towards increasing the



viability and effectiveness of O`ahu RC&D. The Community Opportunities Assessment (COA) has given O`ahu RC&D a tremendous tool in recognizing neighborhood concerns through statistical validation by the Social Sciences Institute at the University of Hawaii.

The City and County of Honolulu and the Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company are also partnering in this project. Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) awarded the grant to O`ahu RC&D. This is the first of many projects O`ahu RC&D is working on for the betterment of its communities.



O`ahu RC&D President Cynthia
Rezentes and Council Member
Fred Gross.



Big Island RC&D Highlights



~ Economic Development ~

Ka`u Farmers Training

The Big Island RC&D has helped local economies by sponsoring training programs designed for their needs. A market and business planning program funded by USDA's Rural Development assists agricultural producers in Ka`u.



Final Harvest

The Big Island RC&D helped sponsor a series of living history performances throughout the island. Communities were entertained by three local actors in a play that tells the history of the people who worked on the sugar plantations. The project was funded by the County of Hawai`i and the Hawai`i Tourism Authority.

